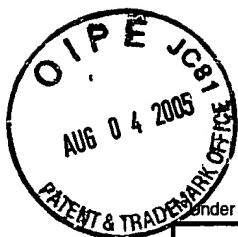


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	Filing Date	September 18, 2001
	First Named Inventor	PARENTEAU
	Art Unit	3738
	Examiner Name	P. B. Prebilic
	Attorney Docket Number	0068603.00121US2

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☒ Other Return Receipt Postcard

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-0219. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) (Two-Month)

iii. ☒ Other Please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to Deposit Acc. 08-0219

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION PURSUANT TO
37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request continued examination of this application according to 37 C.F.R § 1.114 by filing a submission (this Amendment) and the required fee set forth in § 1.17(e).

Responsive to the final Office Action mailed on March 4, 2005, Applicants offer the following remarks. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

Conclusions begin on page 7 of this paper.

Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows.